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HUBBARD'S Monthly Bargain List.

Prices here given do not include postage or express. Anyone buying goods from this list to the value of 50 cents or over, will be given a year's subscription to the CURIOSITY WORLD.

STAMPS.

- 12,000 Canada 2 cent Registered, at \$1.50 per 1000, or 17 cents per 100.
- 8,000 Canada Bill stamps at \$2.10 per 1000, or 25 cents per 100.
- 75,000 mixed Foreign stamps, at 15 cts. per 1000.
- 500 Unused War Department, 1 cent, at 75 cents per 100.
- 400 India Envelope, 1-2 a, green, at 50 cents per 100.
- 5,000 India assorted, 18 cents per 100.
- 700 Sweden, fine assortment, 18 cts. per 100.
- 800 Portugal, assorted, 15 cents per 100.
- 2000 Mexico, well assorted, at 50 cents per 100.
- 225 packets each containing 35 varieties of foreign stamps, price 30 cents per doz. packets.

Stamp Albums.

- An 8th edition, \$3.50 International album, in good condition, Price, \$2.50.
- A 5th edition, \$1.50 International album in fair condition, containing 350 varieties of stamps, only \$1.65.
- A 3rd edition \$2.50 International album, in poor condition, containing over 200 varieties of stamps, only \$1.50.
- A 7th edition \$2.50 International album in fair condition, \$1.50.
- An 8th edition, \$1.50, International album, somewhat soiled, \$1.00
- A 6th edition \$1.50 International, new, only \$1.00.
- Will accept U. S. square cut envelope stamps at 50 cents per 1000, in payment for anything advertised by myself. I want 100,000 before June 1st.

COINS.

- 19 Foreign Copper coins all different. A good lot, only 35 cents.
- 66 varieties War tokens, \$1.00.
- 7 varieties Lincoln tokens, 25 cents.
- 1 1877 Cent, uncirculated, 10 cents.
- 10 varieties of tokens in brass, nickel and copper, price 25 cents.
- 5 varieties pattern pieces, fine, 50 cents.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 3 Fossil Shark's Teeth, only 25 cts.
- 2 Amethysts from Madrid, India, large and fine, only 50 cents each.
- 1 Chinese Prayer Bell, wood, finely carved. Rare and curious, 75 cents.
- 2 old newspapers, 1791-98 Price 25 cents each.
- Volumes III., IV., V., VI. and VII. of "Golden Days" \$2.00 per Vol.
- 75 copies "Rare American Coins" issued by Chariton Numismatic Society, and retailed at 10 cents each. Price 25 cents per dozen.
- 84 Copies "Philatelic Fraud," published by Simmons, 1883. Retail price, 15 cents. Price 75 cents per dozen.
- 5 Tammen's 85 cent Mineral Cabinet, 60 cents each.

INDIAN RELICS.

- 6 fine grooved axes, only \$1.25 each.
- 50 Sinkers, at 20 cents each.
- 25 Spear Heads at 10 cents each.
- 20 Spear Heads at 15 cents each.
- 12 Spear Heads at 25 cents each.
- 15 Skinners at 25 cents each.
- 10 fine Drills at 25 cents each.
- 75 Perfect Arrow Heads at 6 cents each. 5 for 25 cents.
- 7 Pestles at 75 cents each.
- 150 Imperfect Arrow Heads, 25 cents per dozen.

JOHN M. HUBBARD,
Lake Village, New Hampshire.

An Oologist's Vacation.

BY LE GRAND T. MEYER.

(Continued.)

At last the cooler day arrived so we arose earlier than our accustomed time in order to get the task accomplished before the fierce meridian heat should stop us. The burying-ground was situated at the north end of the lake, on a small natural knoll, cleared of all brush or trees save one aged burr oak. We commenced work in the middle of the hill, and after digging down three feet came to bones in not a very good state of preservation. After digging over the hill carefully, and by observing the promiscuous piling of the bones and implements, we were forced to believe it was the battle-ground of two rival tribes or nations.

We worked until nearly dusk, turning over nearly all of the hill except a part around the tree, removing the remains of thirty bodies. Among the implements may be mentioned eleven broken and perfect war points i. e. triangular arrows minus notched ends, one iron tomahawk, a pipe and one grooved axe.

We reserved a few bones as souvenirs, notably the craniums and lower jaws, which we hung in our tent. Probably if any of our rustic acquaintances were curious enough to peep into our tent they would have thought us Fijian cannibals rustivating.

The next day we returned, with the permission of the owner of the premises, and felled the gigantic oak which stood in the centre of the knoll. We sawed the major part of it, the better to observe or count the rings, which after three counts we agreed upon as being one hundred and eighty seven in number. Thus the tree could not have been far from two hundred years old, although botanists claim after repeated experiments that the rings are not an accurate indication of their age. Whether the tree sprang up from a chance acorn or whether planted by the aborigines as a mark or monument to the unfortunate victims of that battle, we are only able to

conjecture. But it must have been placed there after the interment for the roots were twined around the bodies.

When returning at noon we startled a whip-poor-will. Not being able to tell whether she started from the ground or a neighboring limb, I made a mental note of the location intending to return the following day. Next day found me making a wide circuit where I thought the nest, if one ought to be. Nothing arose, but nothing daunted I continued looking until I at last flushed the object of my search, the night-jar. Noting the place where she arose I stood motionless, watching her intent on observing me. Thinking her nest irretrievably lost, she flew straight into the forest without a backward glance. The eggs, two in number, strikingly resembling the bird in color, were placed in a natural hollow lined with dead leaves. To inexperienced eyes they would have been passed by undetected, for the apology of a nest with its eggs of a whitish coloration generously blotched with lavender-purple, would hardly have caught the excited glance. They measured 1.20 by .82. The embryo was largely developed, but I was able to blow them out of two neat holes.

As eight days had elapsed since my wading trip, I deemed it advisable to make another trip and visit the marsh wrens. Their globular nests are very conspicuous from their elevated positions, so little difficulty will be experienced in finding them. Their mode of constructing them is very peculiar. First, they will select a place where the rushes are in close proximity, and by wrapping and twisting they soon have the dried, matted grasses surrounding the reeds, leaving only a small entrance near the top, on the side leading to the bottom. The interior is warmly lined with grasses and coot's feathers, probably purloined from some of the close nests. On the whole it is a very artistic nest.

I took sixty-six eggs from nine nests, the greatest number being ten, and the least five, in one nest. The eggs were so

thickly marked and dotted with chocolate brown as to almost conceal the ground color.

That night, just before retiring Harry asked me if I would like to go with him to see a crazy collector living on a local river.

"Yes, of course I would. Where is it, and how far off?"

"Oh! It is not very far from here. Almost six miles, but I have borrowed a horse and 'buckboard' so we can ride."

"What is the name of the place?"

"He calls it the Garden of Eden, I believe."

"All right, Harry, get your horse and I'll go."

(To be Concluded.)

To Collectors of Birds' Eggs.

The season for collecting eggs is approaching. The blue-bird, robin, phoebe and sparrow have already put in an appearance. The frogs have organized their orchestra, and commenced to give their evening concerts in the damp meadows. Soon the birds will begin to think about building their nests; soon everything in nature will be all life and activity. The active collector should begin to get everything in readiness for his spring and summer campaign. His instruments for preparing the eggs for the cabinet should be looked over and placed where they will be ready for use. He should search in his books on ornithology and oology, (of which every collector should have a few) and find out what birds nest first, and the locality where they are most likely to build. Arrange a mental list in order of their nesting so that he can commence this year's work in a systematic manner, and make it a success. There is too much of a loose, careless way of collecting among young collectors. *Never* take an egg or clutch till you have *fully identified* the bird so you can label each egg with the correct name.

We will say right here, that before you commence to collect, look up the *laws* of the state in which you reside, in reference

to the *birds* and their eggs, so that you can act intelligently in the matter and not place yourself liable to a *fine*. Ignorance of the laws of your state is no excuse in the *eyes* of the *law*. Massachusetts has such a law. It will be well for Mass. collectors to read it before the spring campaign opens. There are *three* ways of collecting eggs, namely: taking one egg, two eggs, or the whole clutch. Two eggs of a kind make a pretty collection when nicely arranged in a cabinet. Our cabinet is arranged in twos, which is enough for the majority of collectors. Of course it is understood that it is advisable to take *all* the eggs of the rarer species, and we should advise the taking of several clutches of eggs of such species, so we can help or exchange with our friends. Make a study of your *hobby*, and collect in the *interest* of *science*, and *by all means* use your influence to put a stop to this promiscuous collecting for the name of it, or for speculation. There are too many boys collecting who think a *hawk* is a *hawk*, whether it be a "*hen-hawk*" or a "*night-hawk*," who will get a promiscuous lot of eggs together in one or two years and then give it up. With their one or two years experience in collecting, they don't know any more than when they commenced, because they haven't taken any pains to inform themselves. This class and the speculator cast a *stir* on the noble study of ornithology and oology. In preparing your eggs for the cabinet, you will find there are several ways of removing the contents of the egg:—one is by making a hole in each end and blowing out the contents with the mouth; another way is by drilling a hole in one side and using a blow-pipe. A set of tools can be bought for a small sum, of a Natural History Dealer. The last way is preferable and is adopted by all experienced collectors. After rinsing and drying the egg, it may be placed in the cabinet and arranged according to the taste of the collector. As the season advances and we take pains to inform ourselves by reading some *live*

paper on natural history and standard works on this interesting subject, taste and judgement will very materially help us on in our pleasant and interesting hobby.

Edwin G. Ward.

Notes on the Cecropia.

In the neighborhood of Trenton, N. J. the worm of the Cecropia moth feeds on the willow, water-birch, wild cherry, linden and on all the fruit trees. I placed a number of eggs on different fruit trees, those on the apple and cherry succeeding best. In 1887, I placed a large number of eggs on wild cherry, cultivated cherry, and the linden. Those fed on linden, out of doors, grew better than some raised in the house and fed on cultivated cherry.

Another reason why the linden is a good tree to feed worms on is that it is little frequented by birds. The young worm eats only a notch in the leaf, later all but the midrib and at last everything stem included. A Cecropia when feeding, holds to the leaf by its false legs and uses its true ones to hold the leaf to its mouth.

After the fourth moult, the worm eats the entire leaf commencing at the base and eating one side clean, leaving a strip about one sixteenth of an inch wide to which it holds with its true legs, the false legs holding to the midrib. When it has eaten one side, it bites off the apex of the leaf and reversing the order eats downward to the base. I did not determine how much a worm would eat in the different stages of growth, but the amount of food healthy worms will consume is astonishing. They eat steadily except for about twelve hours before, and three hours after moulting. A full grown worm, after it has dropped its intestine, is ready to spin. At this time they weigh from 78 to 418 grains.

The egg of the Cecropia weighs one tenth of a grain, and they are laid in clusters of six or eight each.

The silk of the Cecropia varies very much in color; some worms that were fed in the house spun pure white cocoons, worms fed on wild cherry spin a very

dark brown cocoon, those fed on cultivated cherry or pear, a lighter brown, and those fed on willow a very light glossy yellow.

The cocoons are generally placed near the ground and are loosely spun, and worms fed on linden spin a large cocoon of rich brown silk which is very strong. The two enemies of the worm are the birds and two ichneamons. The worst enemy of the cocoons is the short-tailed meadow mouse (*Anvicola riparid.*) I went, not long since, to a place where I had put Cecropia eggs on willow bushes. I found between two and three hundred fine cocoons but every one had a hole in it and the pupa was gone. This was done by the meadow mouse. The greatest enemy of the perfect moth is the littlered owl which captures them when they are on the wing.

Very fine fishing line may be made from the silk gut of the perfect worm by putting the worm in vinegar for ten or twelve hours. Then take the silk gut out and dip it in vinegar for a few minutes, when it may be stretched out ten or fifteen feet and dried. R. M. ABBOTT.

Foreign Postal Laws.

There are a number of foreign postal laws daily affecting our readers, but of which few of them have any knowledge. We have taken the trouble to look these up and if those who have a foreign correspondence will bear them in mind they may be saved much trouble.

Articles other than letters, in their usual and ordinary form, on their arrival at the exchange post office of the country of destination, will be inspected by the custom officers of that country, who will levy the proper custom duties upon any article found to be dutiable under the laws of that country. Dutiable articles received in the United States under this arrangement will be treated in accordance with the regulations. A "return-receipt" will be furnished free of additional charge, for any registered article which has indorsed on the cover the words "re

turn-receipt demanded," and only for articles so indorsed. The return receipt will be attached to the article by the exchange post office which dispatches it.

Canada and Mexico are the only foreign countries to which periodicals from publishers for regular subscribers (second class matter in domestic mails) may be sent at the bulk or pound rate of postage. Periodicals for all other foreign countries, whether "transient" or for regular subscribers, are required to be prepaid with postage stamps at the rate applicable to "newspapers" for those countries.

Electrotypes and cuts for advertising purposes are not transmissible by mail to any foreign country unless fully prepaid at the rate of postage applicable to letters for that country, and are not transmissible to Canada even though so prepaid.

Packets containing articles of printed matter (chromo and lithograph cards, etc.) sent as samples, addressed to Canada, are required to be prepaid ten cents per packet of eight ounces or less, and are not allowed to be dispatched from this country unless so prepaid.

The limit of weight for a single rate of postage on letters for Canada and Mexico is one ounce. On letters for other foreign countries, the limit of weight for a single rate is a half-ounce.

Mail matter of all kinds received from any country of the Postal Union is required to be forwarded, at the request of the addressee, from one post office to another, or to any foreign country embraced in the Postal Union, without additional charge for postage.

"Advertising circulars" are liable in Canada to a specific custom duty of one cent each, which duty Canadian custom officials are required to collect when such pamphlets arrive by mail in large quantities, even though each pamphlet bears a different address.

Those High Priced Envelopes.

It strikes me that the Philatelic papers have devoted more space to those speculative envelopes than the occasion would

warrant. I have watched the controversy with impartial eyes, and it seems to me that while the opposition are crying "don't buy them," they are doing that which will lead many collectors to invest in them, who would not otherwise have done so, i. e. giving them a history. If nothing had been said about them, those who could afford \$5.00 for an envelope *might* have bought them, but now that they have been drawn through the fire, no *envelope* collection will be complete without them. In looking over a collection now, the collector's first question is "Show me those speculative envelopes" and "Do you suppose collectors will refuse to keep them on account of their doubtful (?) origin?" Not much will they, as the envelopes will be the cynosure of all collectors.

Those who started the present controversy, did so, doubtless, with good intentions, but it was a mistaken kindness, as it has only served to give the envelopes a wide publicity and an amount of advertising which money could not have bought and unfortunately for the opposition they haven't everything their own way, as it is now pretty generally accepted that the envelopes are perfectly legitimate, the only shadow being how they were obtained.

H. Rider.

Chicago, Ill., March 23, 1888.

Friend Hubbard:

At the C. P. S. meeting last night the following nominations for A. P. A. officers were made:

Pres. J. K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

V. Pres. R. C. H. Brock, Philadelphia.

Sec'y. S. B. Bradford, Ottawa, Ill.

Treas. H. B. Seagrave, Iona, Mich.

Int. Sec. Jos. Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

Mr. Bradford is a C. P. S. member, and the right man for the place. He is a worker, and I sincerely hope he will be elected my successor.

The above are the colors the "Western Philatelist" will float during the campaign.

Sincerely yours,

S. B. Bradt.

A Million Postage Stamps.

Mrs. L. E. Pritchard, the well-known State St., milliner, and her friend and assistant, Miss Sarah D. Laskey, are two of the happiest women in Newburyport. They have accomplished what many have undertaken and few, if any, have succeeded in finishing. They have collected and are now the proud possessors of 1,000,000 cancelled postage stamps.

It was on the last day of Jan. 1883, that Mrs. Pritchard, having read something of the feat of collecting a million stamps, decided that she would do the thing herself. Her friends said she couldn't. Then she got mad and said she would. The next day work was begun. The ladies went to work as an old general would plan a campaign, and a system was soon organized. The aid of friends was enlisted, not only in this city, but all over the country. In every office where many letters are received some one was found who would cut out and save the cancelled stamps. Drummers who sold Mrs. Pritchard goods found that a box of cancelled stamps was the best letter of introduction they could bring, and even wholesale houses did not scorn to help the ladies in their undertaking. The year 1883, or rather January, 1884, closed with 147,245 of the 1,000,000 stored away. In 1884, 153,356 were added; in 1885, 228,253; in 1886, 312,132, and in 1887, 287,510, the latter ending Jan. 31 of the current year, and a grand total of 1,128,499. Besides this, Miss Laskey has friends in Portsmouth who hold 127,120 not yet forwarded.

A visit to the house of Mrs. Pritchard, which is now open to her friends, reveals a strange sight. On a large sheet spread on the floor of a parlor, the stamps are heaped, limited only by the edges of the cloth, and averaging a foot and a half in depth. Two large dry goods boxes and a huge basket are also filled with loose, unsorted stamps. A pasteboard box contains an even 100,000, soaked off from the envelopes and neatly tied in packages of 100 each. The weight of the million

stamps is 110 pounds. A statistician who has taken the dimensions of a single stamp, finds that the collection will carpet over a sixth of an acre.

The stamps are of every denomination and of various issues. The work of handling them has been enormous. As fast as received they have been counted, and the number and name of the contributor entered upon a book. They were next trimmed and recounted, and then soaked, dried and put up in packages, though the latter part of the work is not fully accomplished as yet. The number of collectors for the two ladies reaches into the hundreds, and each has cultivated his or her own field. Mrs. Pritchard is ready at any time to trot out her hobby for the benefit of the curious.—[Boston Globe.

An Autograph Sale.

The extensive collection of autographs, documents, etc., property of the late Major Ben. Perley Poore, Boston's celebrated War and Washington correspondent, was disposed of in a three days sale at Messrs. Libbey & Co.'s auction rooms in Boston on Feb. 15, 16 and 17. Among the notable prices were the following.

Presidents of the United States: J. Q. Adams, \$2.72; Lincoln, \$8.00; Johnson, \$4.50; Garfield, \$1.75; Inaugural address of Pres. Buchanan signed by him, \$18.50

Vice Presidents, Cabinet officers and Presidential Nominees: Gen. Hancock, 75 cents; J. C. Breckenridge, \$1.75; W. H. Seward, 25 cents; Hannibal Hamlin 45 cents; autograph letter of J. C. Calhoun, 87 cents.

Military, naval, etc.: Col. E. D. Baker, \$5.00; Gen. Burnside, \$1.50; Gen. B. F. Butler, 62 cents; Admiral Farragut, 5.50; Com. J. A. Winslow, \$4.00; Braxton Bragg, \$2.00; Gen. Hooker, \$4.00.

Colonial Period, State Governors, etc.: Sir Edmund Andros, \$6.00; Thomas, Lord Culpepper, \$8.25; T. U. Dorr, of the "Dorr War" in Rhode Island, \$1.00; Gov. Joseph Dudley, (Mass.) \$3.25; John Endicott, \$10.00; Thomas, Lord Fairfax, \$1.25; Gov. Thomas Hindsely, (Plymouth)

\$9.35; John Campbell, Lord Loudon, Gov. of Virginia, \$4.00; William Penn, \$26.00; Don Manuel de Balceido, last Spanish governor of Louisiana, \$5.50; Gov. William Shirley, (Mass.) \$3.00 and \$5.25; Gov. Jonathan Trumbull, Jr., (Connecticut) \$1.25; Gideon Manton, (Royal Gov. of Rhode Island) \$1.50, John Hathorne, witch judge at Salem, \$3.25; Original printed copy of the Declaration of Independence, issued to be read in the churches, July 17, 1776, \$31.00; A document signed by B. Franklin, Silas Dean and Arthur Lee, commissioners, \$24.00; a newspaper of the day containing a copy of the Declaration of Independence, \$10.00; a document signed by Stephen Hopkins, signer of the Declaration of Independence, \$19.00.

Foreign, miscellaneous, literary, etc: Letter signed by Charles ix., (France) \$4.25; Greville, of Queen Elizabeth's time, 25 cents; letter of Henry iii., (France) \$3.25; letter of Jefferson's, relative to laying out the City of Washington, \$7.00; letter by Jeff. Davis, \$2.25; autograph of John A. Andrew, war governor of Mass., \$1.25; Robert Fulton, \$17.00; George Grote, historian, \$19.50; autograph letters of Hawthorne, (five) \$12.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, 13.00, \$18.00; O. W. Holmes, \$2.50; Victor Hugo, \$4.00; Howells, 35 cents; and last, but not least, an autograph poem of Robert Burns, \$90.

CHAS. E. HUTCHINSON.

An Interesting Autograph.

[London Times.]

A short time ago a letter of Emperor William was published in the German press, which his Majesty wrote many years ago to a gentleman named Baer, in business at Breslau, who had in his possession an autograph of Frederick the Great. This fact came to the knowledge of the present Crown Prince Frederick William, when he was in command of the Eleventh Infantry Regiment, and he communicated it to his father, who was then Prince Regent of Prussia. The Prussian royal house was anxious to possess the

original, and Herr Baer sent it to the Prince Regent, with the request that his Royal Highness should write him one in return for it. In reply to this the following letter was written:

POTSDAM, Jan. 5, 1858:—I have been told, dear Herr Baer, that for the autograph of the great King you wish to possess one in my hand writing. I gladly give effect to your desire, for the letter has a peculiar interest, inasmuch as it throws light on the great King's stirring youth. For a thing so precious what you ask in exchange is too worthless; nevertheless, I gladly write to you. It is impossible to me, as any other Prince, to govern better than Frederick II., but I will be vain enough to call your attention to the fact that I can write a little better than he did. Your deed and your wish have a further decided merit in my view, since both spring from a noble feeling which, thank God, has never been rare with us, and to which we owe our honorable position in the world, though sometimes we see it lose heart in presence of the fickle struggles of ambition. Strengthen in your midst this generous, patriotic feeling in which, dear Herr Baer, your city of Breslau is so rich.

Wilhelm,

Prince Regent of Prussia.

The "Youths' Ledger," of New York, has changed considerably with its last issue. The March issue was the "Youths' Ledger" printed by F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket N. H., dated at New York, and consisted of six pages, four columns to the page. The April issue is "The Collectors' Ledger," printed by Joseph Holmes, Jr., New York City, the paper is dated at Brookfield, N. J., and consists of sixteen pages and cover. Well, it is an improvement anyway. We suppose Messrs. Davison & Aue were in the same box as ourselves, and changed to magazine form to quiet those who "kick like steers" against newspaper form. The "Ledger" is a lively, interesting paper, and deserves its success.

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JOHN M. HUBBARD, PUBLISHER,
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as Second Class Matter.

APRIL, 1888.

We have been through rather a hard job since our March number was printed. For the last five years we have been in the Post Office block, having a store 14 x 20 feet; our printing office was in the basement of same building and our stock of stamps and coins was kept at the house, and orders filled after we reached home at night. We have leased, fitted up and moved into the store 109 Main St., the corner store in the Opera Block. The store is 16 x 60 feet, about twice the size of our old store and printing office combined. In addition to our regular stock we have put in a full line of boots and shoes, and have moved our printing office, Stamp and Curiosity business in the rear end of the store, so we have the whole business on one floor. We can now do our work much easier, and will fill all orders by return mail. To say we are much pleased with the change would be to express it mildly; we don't want to move again, however; one dose is enough to satisfy us. This explains the cause of our being so late this month. Our May issue will go to press about May 15th, and the June issue the first day of June.

We omit our cover this issue in order to save a little time. It will be on our next issue, however. Our May number will be an interesting number, especially for stamp collectors. The June number will be out promptly, June 1st., and—if we don't move again—all future issues will be out promptly on the first of each month.

Mr. S. C. Scott, of Calmar, Iowa, will publish the "Iowa Philatelist" sometime in May.

The "Kentucky Stamp Magazine" is advertised to appear this month, with Crigler & Stephenson, Covington, Ky., publishers.

Mr. Chas. P. Wilcomb, of Lake Village, N. H., is visiting friends in Visalia, Cal. If he likes the country and can strike a job that suits him, he intends to remain there for the present.

Mr. Edw. J. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., is arranging an Autograph Album, of "Prominent Philatelists." He has the names written on sheets of a uniform size, and then has them bound.

Mr. Alvah Davison, of Helmetta, N. J., editor of the "Youths' Ledger," has bought out the stock of stamps of Mr. E. R. Hasbrouck. By the way we hear that the "Ledger" is to be changed to magazine form.

About May 1st, Mr. Chas. A. Townsend, of Akron, Ohio, will issue the "American Stamp Collectors' Directory." It will contain besides the addresses of collectors, the number of stamps in their collection and their specialty, if any, also to what Philatelic societies they belong.

W. L. Emory, of Fitchburg, Mass., formerly publisher of the "Philatelic News," and later publisher of the "New England Philatelist," has commenced the publication of "The Scientist," a monthly magazine by the Fitchburg Agassiz Association. No. 1 consists of eight pages and cover, and is quite interesting to those of a scientific turn of mind.

Mr. J. A. Pierce, the Chicago stamp dealer, has sold his stock of stamps to Wilcox and Tower, of that city. He will continue collecting, however.

I want U. S. envelope stamps, Coins and Indian Relics, and Foreign stamps in any quantities. Will pay cash, or exchange. John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

Specimens of the new 5 cent dark blue U. S. are plentiful now. The colors of 4 cent and 90 cent have been changed, and the wording on the special delivery stamp is different.

We have received No. 1 of the "Key-stone State Collector," published by A. W. Wickle & Co., Spring City, Pa. It contains eight pages, and there is a good chance for improvement.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., held their 86th Auction Sale at Bangs & Co's., New York City, April 23 and 24. The collection was the property of several collectors and contained over 1,100 lots.

3 Indian Arrow Heads, (flint,) 1 Arrow Head, (quartz), 1 War Point, (flint,) 1 Spear Head and one Net Sinker, all in perfect condition and the "Curiosity World," one year, (12 numbers,) all post paid, for only 85 cents. J. M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. H.

Our "Bargain List" in our March issue was quite a success. We sold over \$50 worth from that one page adv. There are many good bargains offered in the list this month, and those who wish to purchase should do so as soon as possible, before they are all gone. Those Stamp Albums are very cheap.

Stanley, Gibbons & Co., have kindly sent us a copy of the "Second Supplement to the Philatelic Handbook," containing the Postal Issues of 1886-87, including a large number of illustrations. It is by the well known author, Major Edward B. Evans, whose name is a guarantee that it is authentic. A copy should be in the hands of every wide awake collector who wants to keep up with the times.

Both dealers and collectors should look over our "Bargain List" on first page of cover. We are constantly in receipt of larger quantities of some goods than we desire to carry in stock, and will sell at rock bottom prices. Dealers or collectors might find it to their advantage to communicate with us when having any bargains to offer.

PREMIUM OFFERS!

To reliable and active Agents I offer the following two prizes to agents selling the largest amount of

Stamps from my Sheets

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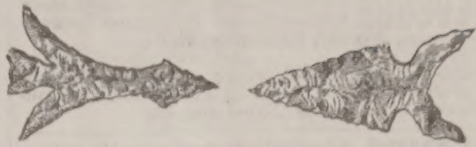
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